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indicating said second video frame as a prediction reference frame for encoding said video frame having said lowest compression order number;

encoding said second set of video frames in INTER frame format in ascending order of compression order number.

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9. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:

identifying a second indication that a further video frame should be encoded in said first compressed video frame format; and

for a group of frames including said first video frame and the frames occurring between the first video frame and the further video frame, defining said second video frame as the frame occurring substantially centrally within the group of frames.

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16. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising associating with the compressed video sequence information concerning the intended playback order of the frames of the compressed video sequence.

17. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising associating with the compressed video sequence information concerning the intended playback time of the frames of the compressed video sequence.

31. (Amended) A computer program for operating a computer, comprising:

a first computer program for operating the computer as a video encoder; and

a second computer program for operating the computer as a video decoder,

wherein said first computer program comprises:

computer executable code for associating said first indication with a second video frame;

computer executable code for defining a first set of video frames comprising N video frames occurring prior to said second video frame;

